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they with any propriety be made to represent mufassal interests? Therefore, Sir, there is that difficulty. Another difficulty is that certain gentlemen in the mufassal who are not members of the Legislative Council would be better fitted to sit on the Board of Industries. If the Legislative Council were to elect members to represent mufassal interests there is no chance of such men getting in. I do not know how the hon, the Minister is going to solve this difficulty. If he gives a satisfactory explanation I have no objection to withdraw my motion."

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. Venkatareddi Najudu:—"I may mention, Sir, that the point raised by my hon, friend, Mr. Krishna Rao, and the difficulty anticipated by my friend, Mr. Gopalakrishnayya, will be met by taking up the amendment to be moved by Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar. According to that it will be noticed that after the words 'banking interests' the words 'and mufassal or cottage industries' will have to be inserted. When such interests are not represented by election, persons to be nominated shall, as far as possible, include members representing such interests. Now, I hope, the hon. mover will withdraw his amendment."

Rao Bahadur K. Gopalakrishnayya:—"I beg leave to withdraw my motion."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

At this stage the Council adjourned to meet again the next day at 11 a.m.

I. D. SWAMIKANNU, Secretary to the Legislative Council.

APPENDIX A. [Vide page 969 supra.]

Proceedings of the thirteenth meeting for 1922-1923 of the Standing Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council, held at Fort St. George on Saturday, the 9th December 1922.

PRESENT:

(1) The Hon'ble Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I. (Chairman).

(2) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar Avargal.
(3) O. Tanikachala Chettiyar Avargal.

(3) , O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR AVAR (4) Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib.

(5) Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN.

(6) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chetriyar Avargal. (Messrs. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar, W. Alexander and

A. M. MacDougall did not attend.)

Read proposal for a grant to the American Areot Mission, Vellore, for establishing an Agricultural school (Rs. 37,500 to be paid in two years, Rs. 19,000 in 1923-1924 and Rs. 18,500 in 1924-1925).

After discussion with the Hon'ble the Minister, the Committee found themselves unable to recommend adoption of the scheme and classified it accordingly as class IV in the order of priority decided to be given to schemes submitted for their consideration (vide item 22).

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2. Read proposals for the payment of building grants for the following aided industrial schools:—

(1) St. Joseph's Industrial school, Trichinopoly . 18,970
(2) St. Xavier's Industrial school, Tanjore . . . 90,000
(3) Anjuman-i-Mofidul-Islam Muhammadan Orphanage,
Melvisharam 4,500

The schemes were discussed with the Hon'ble the Minister and the following conclusions were arrived at:—

Item (1).—The Committee recommended acceptance of the proposal (class II).

Item (2).—The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

Item (3).—The Committee recommended the scheme as one for which funds should be provided in the budget for 1923-1924 (class I).

3. Read scheme for the construction of an office and quarters for the Public Works Department Subdivisional Officer at Pollachi, IV Circle, costing about Rs. 18,800.

After discussion with the Hon'ble the Minister, the Committee found themselves unable to recommend adoption of the scheme and classified it as class IV. The Committee recommend that the existing buildings at Udamalpet should continue to be used for the present.

4. Read scheme for arranging for special demonstrations of improved methods in agriculture on festival and other occasions, cost about Rs. 8,000 per annum.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme (class II).

5. Read scheme for the departmental fishing of the Kanigiri-Duvur reservoir, Nellore district, costing about Rs. 5,100 non-recurring and Rs. 6,920 per annum recurring under 35. Industries and Rs. 3,970 under 15. Irrigation—Miscellaneous expenditure financed from ordinary revenues. Of the recurring charge, only Rs. 4,400 is required in 1923-1924.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme (class II).

6. Read schemes for the provision of water-supply on the Mount Stuart station and for the improvement of the District Board road between Sethumadai and Ambarampalaiyam (on the main Pollachi-Palghat road) over a length of 9 miles (estimated cost, respectively, Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 6,500). The District Board will make an annual contribution to the Forest Pepartment for the maintenance of the road.

The Committee recommended that funds should be provided in the budget for 1923-1924 for these two schemes (class I).

7. Read scheme for the opening of a medical school for women at Madras (estimated cost about Rs. 74,565 per annum) against which there would be a maximum saving of about Rs. 18,000 a year in the stipends now granted to Lady Apothecary students in the Medical College. (Amount required in 1923–1924 is Rs. 26,300.)

The Committee accepted the provision of funds for the scheme in the budget estimate for 1923-1924 (class I) subject to the examination of the question of the allowances for which provision is made with reference to the

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decisions that may be come to, on the subject of allowances in the Medical Department as a whole and to the duties of and agreements with the officers in question.

8. Read scheme for the construction of huts for ten warders in the Central Jail, Trichinopoly (estimated cost about Rs. 12,500).

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme, but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

9. Read scheme for the construction of an extramural ward of eight cells for female prisoners in the District Jail, Palameotta (estimated cost Rs. 18,438).

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

10. Read proposal for the grant of a scholarship in 1923-1924 to a lady Medical Graduate for higher medical studies abroad (estimated cost about Rs. 3,388 in 1923-1924 and eventually Rs. 11,950).

The Committee were unable to recommend adoption of the proposal (class IV).

11. Read scheme for the appointment of thirty additional Honorary Assistant Registrars in the Co-operative department at an extra cost of Rs. 18,720 per annum.

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme, but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

12. Read schemes for the construction of buildings for the sub-registry offices at Santanutallapad (Guntur district), Ramnad, Kammapuram (South Aroct district) and Kavutaram and Tsallapalle (Kistna district) (Rs. 10,000 required in 1923-1924 for each office).

The Committee recommended acceptance of the schemes (class II).

13. Read scheme for improvements to the Executive Engineer's office at Berhampur (estimated cost about Rs. 17,900 of which Rs. 5,000 is required in 1923–1924).

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme, but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

14. Read scheme for extending the buildings of the Leather Trades Institute, Madras (total estimated cost Rs. 1,50,835, of which Rs. 50,000 will be required in 1923-1924).

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme (class II).

15. Read scheme for the conversion of the Press buildings of the Collector's office, Chittoor, into a record room (estimated cost about Rs. 28,000).

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme, but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

16. Read proposals for the purchase of two motor lorries with two trailers (estimated cost Rs. 50,000) and the construction of a wooden tramway from the timber depot to the saw-mill (estimated cost Rs. 3,000) both in connexion with the working of the Russellkonda saw-mill.

The Committee recommended that funds should be provided for the two schemes in the budget for 1923-1924 (class I).

17. Read scheme for the reconstruction of blocks 1 and 2 of warders' huts in the District Jail, Berhampur (estimated cost Rs. 12,300).

The Committee recommended the scheme as one for which funds should be provided in the budget for 1923-1924 (class I).

18. Read scheme for constructing a court-house for the District Judge, Sub-Judge and District Munsif, Vizagapatam (estimated cost about 1.60 lakhs of which nearly '60 lakh would be realized by the sale to the Postal authorities of the present building and site. Provision required in 1923-1924 is Rs. 50,000.)

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme (class II).

19. Read scheme for the construction of a court-house for the District Judge, Kurnool (estimated cost Rs. 1,60,000).

The Committee recommended acceptance of the scheme, but did not regard it as urgent (class III).

20. Read proposals for the opening of nine new temporary sub-courts and five new temporary district munsifs' courts for one year (estimated cost about Rs. 1,70,000).

The Committee recommended the proposal as one for which funds should be provided in the budget for 1923-1924 (class I).

21. Read scheme for the construction of an administrative block for the Madras Lunatic Asylum (estimated cost Rs. 31,000).

The Committee recommended acceptance of the proposal (class II).

- 22. Fixing the order of priority of Part II schemes referred to the Finance Committee before the 11th November 1922.—The Committee classified the various schemes as shown below:—
 - I. Schemes for which funds should be provided in the budget for 1923-1924.
 - (1) Reorganization of the gazetted staff of the Survey department.
- (2) Scheme for the engagement of a master fisherman in the Fisheries department for the purpose of introducing improved methods of deep-sea fishing.

(3) Re-engining and overhauling of the motor-launch "Sutherland."

(4) Boarding grants to Indian orphanages.

II. Schemes which the Committee recommend for acceptance.—Provision to be made in the budget for 1923-1924, if possible—

(1) Additional teaching staff in the Police Recruits' School.

(2) Employment of five additional demonstration maistris in the Agricultural department.

(3) Purchase of the building in which the Veterinary Hospital,

Coonoor, is located.

(4) Construction of certain new buildings at the Madras Veterinary College.

III. Schemes which the Committee recommend for acceptance, but which they do not regard as urgent—

(1) Provision of quarters for the staff at the Potato farm, Nanjanad.

(2) Grant of Veterinary State scholarships in 1923.
 (3) Construction of permanent buildings for five veterinary institutions in 1923-1924.

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- (4) Construction of quarters for the staff at the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.
- IV. Scheme which the Committee are unable to recommend for adoption-Nil.
- 23. Supplementary demand.—The Committee accepted the proposal to move for a supplementary demand of Rs. 13,662 under the head '22. General Administration' to meet additional expenditure in connexion with His Excellency the Governor's Bodyguard.
 - 24. The following papers were placed on the table :-

(1) G.O. No. 1233, Judicial, dated 4th November 1922, sanctioning

good conduct pay to Police head-constables in the City.

(2) G.O. No. 901, Finance, dated 21st October 1922, reviewing the final statements showing the transactions of the Provincial Advances and Loan Account for 1921-22.

(3) Note showing the present position regarding funds for payment of commutation of pensions debitable to Provincial Revenues in 1922-23.

(4) G.O. No. 820, Public, dated 12th October 1922, sanctioning the appointment of temporary Deputy Secretaries for the Local Self-Government Department and the Finance Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 11th December 1922.

C. G. TODHUNTER.

APPENDIX B.
[Vide page 1012 supra.]

To

THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

We, the undersigned members of the Select Committee to which the Bill to regulate State Aid to Industries was referred, have considered the Bill and have now the honour to submit this our report, with the Bill as amended by us annexed thereto.

- 2. The Bill was published in the Fort St. George Gazette in English, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kanarese and Hindustani on the 29th August 1922 and in Oriya on the 5th September 1922.
- 3. We did not examine any witnesses Two petitions sent by the Nattukottai Nagarathars' Association and the Hides and Skins Merchants' Association requesting that seats should be allotted to them on the Board of Industries through election were read and it was agreed that their cases should be considered by Government when making nominations.
- 4. In the *preamble* we have inserted a sentence to show that the previous sanction of the Governor-General has been obtained to the passing of this Act.